

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - Senegal

1. Purpose. To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Senegal to assist in selection and preparation of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. Facts.

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length - Approximately 12 months

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates - June through July of following year.

(3) Program Description - One FAO per year conducts ICT in Dakar, Senegal. FAO is assigned to the USDAO, U.S. Embassy, Dakar. FAO works as an intern under the supervision of the DAO. Additionally, the FAO conducts security assistance operations under the supervision of the SAO Chief. Officer also assists in coordinating joint military exercises and related issues with the Senegalese military as well as in-country/regional orientation and study.

(4) Prerequisites - CPT/MAJ, French language 2/2/2, CFD 48J.

(5) Language Instruction Availability: French and Woloff classes are available at the U.S. Embassy for use by the FAO and spouse.

b. Transportation: Each FAO is authorized to ship one POV. This should be done early since shipping time takes about 3 months. Public transportation is adequate. Some U.S. personnel prefer to purchase used vehicles on the economy. Area dealerships include Toyota, Suzuki, Peugeot, and Renault. Check with sponsor before shipping POV. Unleaded gas is unavailable; leaving the POV's catalytic converter intact will not hamper the performance of the vehicle in Africa, but the catalytic converter will need to be replaced if returning the POV to the US after completion of ICT. USAA does not insure vehicles in this country, it is recommended to utilize Clements International Insurance (www.clements.com). Additionally there is Senegalese insurance that will need to be purchased when the FAO registers his/her POV; the Embassy GSO will arrange this for you when you arrive. There is a FAO vehicle on site for use during regional travel. This vehicle is Government property and

for official use only and should be offered to visiting FAOs to keep TDY expenses at a minimum. The FAO vehicle is *not* a substitute for personal transportation.

c. Household Goods: FAOs are normally authorized partial JFTR, since most major furnishings and appliances are already on station. FAOs will need to bring only personal items, clothing, bedding, decorative items to include wall hangings, kitchen and garden supplies, and entertainment items such as computers, stereos, and televisions. All furniture, mattresses and major end item appliances are provided. Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring for accompanied and unaccompanied baggage.

d. Housing: FAO leased quarters: The FAO lives in Government leased quarters, the size of which depends on the officer's marital status and number of dependents. Gardener, maid, nanny or other domestic help is available at the FAO's expense. Rental costs are covered by the Government, so FAOs do not receive OHA/BAQ.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical: The Embassy Health Unit, headed by a regional medical officer, can handle all minor illnesses, first aid, and administer vaccinations. Non-life threatening emergencies (broken bones etc.) are referred to a local clinic headed by French doctors. Minor dental work can be performed by local French dentists. All dental work should be completed prior to arrival. All vaccinations should be acquired before arrival.

(2) Dependent Schooling: Accredited American School grades pre-K through 9th. Correspondence studies or boarding school are available for grades 9-12. DOD will pay costs associated with tuition and transportation for children in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Pre-K is the responsibility of the FAO. Costs run approximately 10,800 per school year and are covered with a DoDDs voucher.

(3) PX/Commissary: There are no PX/Commissary services. All grocery shopping is done on the local economy or on line (for example: www.netgrocer.com). European-style markets are available in Dakar offering a wide variety of products. Most prepackaged items are rather expensive since they are imported; it is advised to pack any favorite prepacked foods with your household goods shipment. Fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, dairy products and hardware/clothing items are readily available on the economy.

(4) Recreation. The Community Liaison Office (CLO) offers information and coordinates a wide variety of activities within the local community.

f. Rater/Senior Rater:

(1) Rater – ARMA

(2) Senior Rater – Chief, FAO Proponent

g. Incumbent FAO/Departure Date:

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h. Address:

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(2) E-Mail. A State Department E-Mail address will be created for the FAO upon inprocessing.

(3) Message - AMEMBASSY DAKAR//

i. Phone #:

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DAO Dakar	(221) 823-6527/6791

3. Additional Information.

a. Entry requirements (NOTE: *This information is subject to change. Recommend incoming FAOs check DoD 4500.54G, Foreign Area Clearance Guide and w/sponsor NLT 90 days before PCS*). FAOs and family members require Official (maroon) passports. Visas are required for all FAOs and family members. Health/ immunization requirements: yellow fever vaccination on an international health certificate. FAOs and family members should start anti-malaria treatment before arrival in country.

b. Bring professional books concerning training, tactical operations, staff operations, and weapons systems. Also, include French language materials.

c. Civilian clothing is standard attire for the embassy. The FAO will be authorized a Civilian Clothing Allowance once in-country. BDUs or Class Bs (short sleeves) are generally worn when visiting military headquarters or attending military functions. Class As and dress blues are required items. Bring all military clothing items needed.

d. Regional Travel Priorities:

Priority 1: Senegal, South Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Dem Rep of Congo, Kenya, and Cote d'Ivoire.

Priority 2: Niger, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Guinea, Mauritania, Mali, Cameroon, Tanzania, Angola and/or Mozambique, Botswana and/or Zimbabwe .

Priority 3: Uganda, Central African Rep, Zambia, Namibia.

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